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RE: As discussed, please find a draft Response to the outstanding Office Action.

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INTERNATIONAL PATENT, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAW AND RELATED LITIGATION

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In re application of: Xiao Bing WANG et al.

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For: Detection of Sequence Variation of  
Nucleic Acid By Shifted Termination Analysis

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**RESPONSE (WITH AMENDMENTS) UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

The Final Office Action (Paper No. 27) mailed September 23, 2003, has been received and carefully reviewed. In response, Applicant provides the following amendments and remarks, and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

No fees are believed due with this paper, and no extensions of time are believed to be needed; however, in the event that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor and any other required fees are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.